

REMARKS

This *Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement* is filed responsive to the Office Action of December 15, 2004.

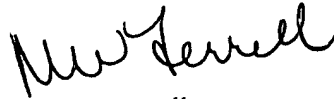
This case is a divisional application of United States Serial No. 09/579,741, now United States Patent No. 6,627,278. The '278 patent contains the subject matter of Claims 1-9, 24-27 and 29-31. In a *Preliminary Amendment* filed with this case, Claims 1-40 and 51-56 were cancelled. A *Preliminary Amendment* to the drawings was also filed, correcting errors in the drawings. If the *Amendment* to the drawings is missing, notification is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, restriction was required between Group I consisting of Claims 1-10, 24-31 and 41-50 or Group II consisting of Claims 11-23, 32-40 and 51-56.

Applicant has previously elected Group I, Claims 41-50 and confirms that election through this response. Inasmuch as Claims 1-10 and 24-31 (as amended) appear in United States Patent No. 6,627,278, those claims have been cancelled. New Claims 57 and 58 have been added. Support for the new claims appears in the last paragraph of page 56, and Table 2 of the application as filed, as well as the first paragraph of page 58. The language in Claims 57 and 58 tracks the original disclosure. The paragraph on page 56 specifies 10 wash cycles and Table 2 shows that each wash cycle involves washing for more than 45 minutes above about 110°F. Moreover, the first paragraph on page 58 specifies a pH of greater than about 9. It is noted that the claim language in the new Claim 58 contains substantially all of the recitation of the claims of the issued United States Patent No. 6,627,278 and is believed clearly allowable.

No extension of time or fees are believed required in connection with this response; however, if an extension and/or fees are deemed required, please consider this paper a *Petition* therefore and charge fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0935.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Ferrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Ferrell" clearly distinguishable.

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